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Rev. Dunn Receiving National Acclaim



Rev. Frank Dunn

It's becoming apparent that right here, within our very midst, stands a man who is looming larger than his times.

Positive Ramifications

His dream, spanning some 25 years, is to mobilize the American people into a posture of community participation and action. He names his concept, simply enough, "Community Mobilization." Yet if properly implemented, the plan represents some positive ramifications for the future of the United States.

The Reverend Frank E. Dunn, spiritual leader of the Feeding Hills-based Valley Community Church, has, at long last, reached the summit of many hard and sometimes frustrating years - he now holds the support from national leaders, leaders who hold the purse strings for Uncle Sam.

Last week, *U.S. News and World Report*, one of America's finest news and political magazines, issued its stamp of approval on the Dunn program. Since the release of that article, the preacher has become

the constant topic of much discussion and speculation amongst the nation's huge law enforcement bureaucracy.

The Dunn scheme rides on the theory that people, if organized and maximized to their height of civic potential, will take the proper steps of making their respective locality a better place to live and work.

360 Degree About Face

Cities and towns are the places where people live and work. Because conditions conducive to these basic rights are slowly eroding, especially the public safety structure, Dunn said his program illustrates a 360 degree about face to this declining status of social fabric. The federally-backed Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, the program designed to combat the elevation of neighborhood crime, is fighting a losing battle. Dunn said "Community Mobilization" offers the LEAA another chance.

Reported Marvin Stone, the *U.S. and World* writer who editorially praised Dunn's proposal July 23rd, "Federal campaigns

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MAX-ED: High School Program Controversy

Second of a Three-Part Series

Opposition Reached All Time High

The School Committee sat in executive session. Outside, she paced like a nervous cat. Any why not?

Max-Ed Had Failed

Prior to Mary Charest's annual presentation of Max-Ed (Maximum Education) before the seven elected officials June 28th, Committeewoman Jessie Fuller had declared that Max-Ed had failed at the high school. Because of this reality, Mrs. Fuller argued, the program's abolishment was a necessity. Charest, Max-Ed's chief advocate and mentor since 1975-76, fully realized that behind closed doors at the Junior High School was the fiercest salvo of opposition the seven-year-old program has seen.

When the doors swung open and Chairman Richard Borgatti asked for her yearly presentation, the nervousness and apprehension had abruptly vanished from Charest's face. What was then heard was a convincing and well-planned argument supporting the much-maligned program. And Max-Ed is a maligned program.

From the beginning of the 78-79 academic session, the focus upon drinking, vandalism, and the overall discipline troubles at the high school was thrust into the community spotlight. The alarming growth of drinking and vandalism was attributed to the Max-Ed program, the same program that allows eligible seniors to come and go from the school building during academic hours. Incidents in the parking lot, according to critics, "were because of that program."

Caputo Appoints Locke, Doering To Building Committee

Acting upon a recommendation submitted last March by the Library Review Committee, Town Manager Peter Caputo increased the membership on the high school building committee with the appointments of Roberta Doering and Frank R. Locke.

Mrs. Doering, a 14-year member of the Agawam School Committee, and Locke, a former chairman of that body, were, according to Caputo, "very enthusiastic about serving the community in the renovation and expansion of the high school."

The present building committee, consisting of Councilor Paul Fieldstad, School Committee Chair-

man Richard Borgatti, and George Dickford, are the same committee that became embroiled in a bitter controversy with the Agawam Businessmen's Association over the construction of the \$806,000 Cooper Street Library.

The three-man ABA ad hoc committee charged the building committee with mishandling the library's construction. Caputo then appointed a five-member review board to investigate the procedures taken by the building committee and also to present questions issued by the ABA to the three-member committee. The review board submitted to Caputo a list of 5

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Although Mrs. Fuller claims that her research into the connection between discipline problems and Max-Ed has spanned "a few years," the arresting of five students on the last day of school, some of whom were not on school grounds and all of whom, according to reliable sources, were not seniors (seniors had graduated some two weeks before), the opposition against Max-Ed reached an all time high.

"The point is that I've done quite a bit of looking into it over the years. What seems to be a pattern has formed. The number of students who actually benefit from Max-Ed seems to have been outnumbered by just as many students abusing it and flunking courses," Mrs. Fuller disclosed in an interview with the *Advertiser/News* on June 20. "This is why, along with other reasons, I will attempt to abolish Max-Ed June 28." Max-Ed was headed for troubled waters.

Yet Mary Charest, admitting that a "few bad apples" abuse the program, refused to blame the seniors as the culprits causing the vandalism increase at the high school. Nor would she blame Principal David Theodorowicz or Assistant Principals John Morrissey and David Bates for not initiating the proper administrative steps to deal with the controversial discipline problems. Charest agreed that Max-Ed is being used as the "whipping boy," as one teacher had said, for the difficulties at the high school.

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Caputo Asks D.A. To Probe Attempts to 'Discredit' Him

Agawam Town Manager Peter Caputo has asked the District Attorney's Office to investigate an alleged conspiracy to discredit him by former town councilor Valentine R. Moreno and a person or persons as yet unnamed. Caputo would not comment on who the person might be, but sources have indicated involvement in the matter by at least one municipal employee.

Caputo turned over to District Attorney Matthew Ryan's office copies of letters allegedly sent by Moreno to Caputo's former political, educational and religious associates. In the letters Moreno refers to himself as "Councilor Valentine R. Moreno, Agawam, Massachusetts" and "chairman of the Committee to Review Employee Town Manager's Resume."

The letters were typed on official town stationery and responses were sent to

Moreno at the Agawam Town Hall. According to Caputo, the District Attorney's Office has agreed to review the matter.

In a memo sent to each member of the present Agawam Town Council, Caputo termed Moreno's actions as bringing "dishonor to each and every member of the Council." Caputo has also termed the letters as "attacks on the integrity of the Council and the Manager's office."

Moreno has been one of Caputo's most outspoken critics and an advocate of the mayor form of government for the town of Agawam.

Caputo has indicated that he expects to be the target of the the pro-mayor forces in town until the upcoming November election when Agawam voters will decide whether to stay with the present Manager-Council form of government or elect a new Mayor-Council form of government.

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We're Moving!!!

As of Saturday, July 28, 1979, the Agawam Advertiser/News will occupy it's new office at 26 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. Office hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Our phone number will remain the same - 786-7747.

HBO

5:30 F.I.S.T. (PG-2:25)
8:00 Special: KISS
9:00 The Exorcist (R-2:02)
11:00 Special: The Golden Age of Buster Keaton
12:30 Airport 1975 (PG-1:46)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

5:30 F.I.S.T. (PG-2:25)
8:00 Special: The Best of the Chipperfield Circus Part II
9:00 Big Bad Mama (R-1:24)
10:30 Baseball: Race for the Pennant
11:00 Bloodbrothers (R-1:56)

THURSDAY, JULY 26

5:00 Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger (G-1:53)
7:00 The Olympiad: The Magnificent Ones
8:00 Standing Room Only: Daredevils
9:00 Harry and Walter Go to New York (PG-1:51)
11:00 On Location: Rich Little and the Great Pretenders

FRIDAY, JULY 27

6:00 Baseball: Race for the Pennant
6:30 Jack and the Beanstalk (G-1:32)
8:00 The Great Bank Hoax (PG-1:27)
9:30 Griffin and Phoenix (PG-1:37)
11:30 Piranha (R-1:34)

SATURDAY, JULY 28

2:00 Let's Do It Again (PG-1:53)
4:00 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century (PG-1:28)

SUNDAY, JULY 29

3:00 The Apple Dumpling Gang (G-1:48)
5:00 Special: The Best of the Chipperfield Circus Part II
6:00 The Apple Dumpling Gang (G-1:48)
8:00 Capricorn One (PG-2:04)
10:30 Big Bad Mama (R-1:24)
12:00 Bloodbrothers (R-1:56)

MONDAY, JULY 30

6:00 Harry and Walter Go to New York (PG-1:51)
8:00 Standing Room Only: Daredevils
9:00 On Location: Chevy Chase and Friends
10:30 Piranha (R-1:34)
12:15 The Olympiad: The Magnificent Ones

TUESDAY, JULY 31

5:30 Corvette Summer (PG-1:45)
7:30 Baseball: Race for the Pennant
8:00 The Great Bank Hoax (PG-1:27)
9:30 On Location: Rich Little and the Great Pretenders
11:00 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century (PG-1:28)
12:30 Griffin and Phoenix (PG-1:37)

Camping Get-A-Way

On the weekend of September 28, 29, and 30, the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council will host the Great Camping Get-Away, a weekend session for all Girl Scout leaders and adults interested in giving support to troops in the 1979-80 year. The event will be held at Camp Bonnie Brae in East Otis, Mass., from Friday evening to Sunday noon. Courses that will be given include: canoeing, firebuilding and basic tools, sand castle and track casting, macrame, natural material crafts and recreational sports. For more information, please call Kathy Brown at 734-3159, Arlene Mackie at 782-9021, or Noreen Couture at 566-8024.

Join Summer Bloodmobile in Agawam

A Red Cross community blood drive in Agawam will be held at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, on Monday, July 30th, from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Now is your chance to "join the summer bloodline." Donors who wish to donate blood should be in good health and weigh 110

pounds or more. A regular meal should be eaten within four hours of donation. anyone between the ages of 18 (17 with written parental consent) and 66 years may donate.

Appointments may be made and permission forms can be obtained by calling the chapter house at 737-4306. Walk-ins are most welcome.

Riverside Park For Family Entertainment

What covers 152 acres, is constantly changing, rearranging, modifying, updating and renovating itself? Riverside Park, a family amusement park and a family-run business. Riverside is one of just a few traditional amusement parks remaining in the country. It is New England's largest, drawing 1,000,000 people annually.

The Edward J. Carroll family, which took over the ownership of the park in 1939, has held steadfastly to the traditional approach, feeling that it should be a recreational outlet and a fun place for people of all ages. The concept has been successful, for why else has Riverside Park been a favorite place for many New Englanders for nearly 140 years?

Originally a picnic grove in 1840, the then "Gallup's Grove" was famous for its clambakes throughout the nineteenth century. In the early 1880's, Captain E.H. Smith became the owner, changed the name to "Riverside Grove", and initiated steamboat transportation from Springfield, Mass., to the past and present location in Agawam. The largest and most notable of the steamboats was the Sylvie.

In 1912, Riverside Grove underwent the transformation from grove to amusement park, thanks to new owner Henry J. Perkins. The park operated successfully for a few years, but then

declined because of the automobile and, of course, the Depression.

Edward J. Carroll became the proud owner of the facility in 1939. The first season saw a merry-go-round, a loop the loop, 12 dodgem cars, a ferris wheel, archery, food stands and a fun house named the "House of Splinters." An elephant, camel, tiger, and wild turkey were also included in the first rides and attractions in the tiny park.

The elephant, camel and tiger are no longer there, but the merry-go-round, dodgemes, ferris wheel plus a number of old-time favorites remain along with some of the most action-packed costly modern ride attractions in the world today.

Whatever your pleasure, chances are Riverside has something for you, with more than 120 fun-filled rides, attractions, and games. It is the home of 4 roller coasters: the infamous Loop Coaster, which travels on its 56-foot track at some 48 miles per hour both forwards and backwards; the Thunderbolt, the Wild Cat, and the Kiddie Coaster.

The older "kids" aren't ignored either, and they head for the Giant Wheel, Musik Express, Swiss Sky Ride, and the 1979 addition of the Pirate boat-swing, just to name a few.

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There will be NO BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC in August! Please make a note on your calendars.

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against local crime, a struggle entrusted mainly to the LEAA, have not met with notable success in the past. Billions have been spent, but the response has failed to reach crusade proportions, to put it mildly, and violent crime continues to increase. Obviously, something has been lacking."

A recent FBI report cited a 17% increase in violent crime in the first quarter of 1979. This represents an alarming increase from last year's statistics. As Mr. Stone correctly pointed out.

"something has been lacking." That deficiency, in the eyes of Dunn, is, and continues to be, an overall non-involvement of the public.

A Johnson Brainchild

In the past, according to Dunn, the LEAA maintained its own vast network of community relief projects and had no time for his approach. That has changed. LEAA, a 1968 brainchild of the Johnson administration, is experiencing a stiff survival test in Washington. LEAA badly needs a

transfusion. Enter Dunn.

Dunn's program, that now hosts a cast of influential allies including Senator Edward Kennedy, is aimed at coordinating and committing local citizens to a highly diversified agenda that addresses major problems confronting that respective locale. The program calls for the establishment of approximately 27 committees, each of which would be responsible for a particular civic ailment. Local residents are charged with running the program and would receive organizational expertise from a centrally-based consultant group - a band of travelling mentors.

Met Senate Approval

LEAA's budget, reduced to \$450 million, includes \$11 million for "Community Mobilization." The Senate has approved LEAA's new fiscal budget while the House has yet to render a verdict on it. Assuming that a House-Senate conference committee will swing into action to iron out a compromise in the LEAA allotment, Dunn said that the fate of the \$11 million proposition could be announced with "45 to 60 days."

If Dunn receives the funding, 12 cities are scheduled to serve as test models. Dunn said the selection process is based upon geographic location and population. "We want to find a good cross section of municipalities to test the program," he told the *Advertiser/News*.

Dunn explained that receiving "unlimited commitment" from the mayors and city managers is the most vital aspect of

establishing the experimental satellites. Each selected municipality is expected to host the program on a three-year trial basis. The dozen locations will have constant communication with each other during that time. "Before we will implement the program in any city, we are mandating a 95% show of support from civic leaders. And we want the support in writing from each civic leader that he fully supports 'Community Mobilization.'" If cities do not wish to give their full support, then we will just go on to another area," Dunn remarked.

Dunn, who serves as president of the American Institute of Religion, said over 40 mayors or city managers have voiced support for "Community Mobilization." "If the money is there," Dunn declared, "I don't think we can expect many problems finding people to accept what we are trying to do."

LEAA Has Final Decision

Final decision on Dunn's program rests with the LEAA hierarchy. Because Senator Kennedy, along with other prominent Washington brass, support "Community Mobilization," LEAA officials would be hard-pressed to deny Dunn his 25-year-old dream. Kennedy, chairman of the powerful Senate Judiciary Committee, is appalled at the alarming growth of crime in the country. He has called Dunn "an inspirational leader." Kennedy believes in Rev. Dunn and the program's eventual success.

At 79, Dunn remains a vibrant and enthusiastic crusader for what he terms as "the America I have come to love." He first

appeared on the Agawam scene in 1947. He has been a well known and respected civic leader ever since.

Dunn's first attempt to activate the American people and their vast potential for community involvement was kicked off in 1954. His path to convince the national syndicate of his theory has brought him from Florida to California and to the hallowed halls of Congress. Last March, Kennedy invited Dunn to appear before a Senate subcommittee to lobby again for the program.

American Condition Clear Cut

To Dunn, the condition of America is clear cut - an erosion of national pride, a lack of respect and faith in values that molded the United States into a world leader, an aura of pessimism surrounding the country's future. He emphatically preaches that citizen participation, especially on the local level, supports the foundation of the country. His support for the Agawam Citizens Together (ACT) group is indicative of Dunn's faith in citizen participation.

Said Dunn, "The program is shooting for a 5% involvement from the total number of citizens in each area. When people see what the results of the program are, they, too, will join." In essence, Dunn is summoning the pioneer spirit in Americans, a trait that some observers say was lost late in the 19th century with the closing of the frontier.

Must Pass Initial Test

Envisioning that someday the program will

mushroom into a vast network of cities and towns exchanging information in a systematic fashion, the Reverend acknowledges that the project must first pass the initial testing ground.

"For the program to work, the public has to participate and give a total effort to make it work. I believe in people. Why, I've been preaching that in Agawam for 33 years," he related.

Public safety encompasses just one category in the Dunn scheme. The judicial system, welfare, education, recreation, and local legislation are other areas that Dunn's project would focus upon.

Dunn readily admits that the project is aimed at creating a people's bureaucracy - a bureaucracy working together to effectuate solutions back in the localities. Because the LEAA became a tangled web of federal impotency, President Jimmy Carter, Kennedy, and Attorney General Griffin Bell proposed to "slash its overhead and to shift emphasis back to the local scene," stated *U.S. News and World Report*. Dunn's program offers a viable alternative.

Seattle has already approved Dunn's program. Honolulu and Gary, Indiana, have issued strong support of it, and, according to Dunn, Mayor William McNamara of New Britain, Connecticut, has written to Kennedy stating New Britain's desire to participate. "Community Mobilization" is spreading, and it will continue to do so, Dunn declared.

Off The Launching Pad

Dunn's "people initiative" proposal is seen as eventually becoming a self-sustaining entity. Right now, it needs just a drop of federal dollars to get the enterprise off the launching pad.

Wrote *U.S. News and World Report*, "We hope that LEAA will heed the senatorial backing for this well-planned, nonfederal initiative. In the national interest, it should be given its test."

Dunn realizes that testing the waters for his long-awaited proposition is just a beginning, but he quipped, "Many a mountain grew out of an ant hill."

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Allanson will be appearing in free shows from September 12-17 at the Big E's bandshell, located on the Court of Honor.

A year and a half ago, Susie Allanson was virtually unknown. Today, with five charted country singles behind her, including a tie with Ronnie Milsap for the second highest single to debut on Billboard's Hot 100 Country Singles Chart in 1978, Allanson is quickly becoming a recognizable name.

Allanson has recently signed a recording pact with Electra records. Her first single on her new label is "Words," the former BeeGees classic. "Love's Made a Fool of You," "I will Never Leave You," and "Hide Me In Your Love" are hits included on Allanson's new album, "Heart to Heart."

Susie Allanson is sure to draw crowds at this year's 58th annual Big E, the place to be September 12-23.

Massachusetts Savings Bank Life Insurance has announced a reduction in premium rates on all policies issued on or after July 1, 1979. Rates on some policies have been reduced as much as 42 percent and a special reduced

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Booska-Veloze Nuptials

In a ceremony on July 21, 1979, at the Agawam First Baptist Church, Nancy L. Booska became the bride of William Veloze Jr.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Booska of Agawam, and the groom is the son of William Veloze Sr. and Mrs. Donna Veloze, also of

Agawam.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was Diane Smith Rys; as maid of honor, Cathy Greany; and as junior bridesmaid, Holly Marie Veloze.

Serving the groom as best man was Dan Ashline, with Ronnie Daughtry as usher and William Joseph Veloze as ring bearer.

Family Day Barbeque Scheduled by WAABI

Springfield Chapter Women's Association of Allied Beverage Industries second annual Las Vegas Family Day Barbeque-fundraiser at the Silver Carriage Inn pavilion, 1520 Main Street,

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There will be swimming, games, a bake sale, an auction, a tag sale, food and fun. The event will be held rain or shine. There is no admission charge.

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UNICO Barbeque Scheduled

Agawam UNICO will have its 17th annual chicken barbeque on Sunday, July 29th, at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, with continuous servings from 1 to 5 p.m. - rain or shine.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. They may be purchased from UNICO members, at several locations in town, or at the field where walk-ins will be welcome. Ticket chairmen are Joe Masucci and John Cardone.

UNICO President Thomas Copolla's slogan for this event is "Bring Your Cousins By The Dozens!" He is the honorary chairman of the

event, and the executive board members are all co-chairmen.

The menu for the barbeque will consist of a half chicken, tossed salad, native corn, French fries, watermelon, bread, coffee, and dessert. "Honey Bunch" orders to go will be available to those who bring their own containers. Cold and hot drinks will also be available.

Bart Nascembeni's Peanut Butter and Jelly combo will entertain from 2 to 5 p.m.

President Tom Copolla would like all UNICO members to report to the field at 8 a.m. on July 29th.

Library Plans Story Hours

As part of the Agawam Public Library's commitment to children's programming, a series of story hours will begin in the fall highlighting the theme "International Year Of The Child."

Coordinators of this upcoming program are seeking volunteers from the community to share their knowledge or talents relating to a particular country. Presentation possibilities might include a slide show, a crafts display, dance, sharing of customs, ethnic food - indeed any offering that might widen children's appreciation of other cultures would be most welcome.

Persons willing to share ideas or talents for approximately a one-hour time period are asked to call the library and ask for MaryLou Wilson or Jeanne Hofmann.

Jr. Women's Penny Carnival Slated

A Penny Carnival is to be held on Tuesday, July 31st, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on the front lawn of the Capt. Charles Leonard House. This carnival is being sponsored by the Special Projects Department of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, and all proceeds will be used for their Childhood Immunization and Persons Abused projects.

The purpose for the Childhood Immunization program is to reach the national goal of 90% protection level against the diseases of measles, mumps, rubella, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis. Did you know that out of 52 million children ages 14 years and

younger, 20 million have not been immunized. The cost of immunization is a small price to pay for protection against these diseases.

Persons Abused is abuse to any person, including children, spouses, and parents. The Agawam Juniors, as a civic group, are working to aid such persons injured non-accidentally, whether it be physically or emotionally. They also hope to help the abusers, who are usually ordinary people caught in a situation beyond their control.

Won't you join them for a fun-filled afternoon at the Penny Carnival, and help them help!



Planning a re-match softball game between the Agawam Police Department and the Sheriff's Office - for the benefit of Cancer Research - are, from left to right: Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski, Butch Saracino, Ruth Zucco, Jack Devine, and Sheriff Michael Ashe.

Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet At St. John Church

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at St. John the Evangelist Church, Main Street, Agawam, on Friday, August 3rd at 9 p.m. through Saturday, August 4th, at 6 a.m.

The Rev. Karl Huller, pastor, will open with benediction and will be assisted by Richard Reiker, chairman of the membership from that parish, and President Louis Gallerani of West

Springfield.

The society is returning to its home base, having its original founding January 1, 1963, at that parish. Members of the society are from Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills; St. Anthony of Padua, Agawam; St. Theresa, Agawam; St. Thomas the Apostle, West Springfield; and Immaculate Conception, West Springfield. They rotate each month, returning to St. John's.

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Dogs of all shapes and sizes came from all over Agawam to enter the show sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department held last Friday, July 23, at Shea's Field.

A total of 18 dogs were entered and performed a variety of stunts and tricks in an attempt to win ribbons presented in seven categories.

Judges for the contest were representatives of the Parks and Recreation Department Debbie Ging, Philip Vecchiarelli, and Dori Parisien.

Awarded first place blue ribbons in the various categories were the following:

Largest dog - Midnight; owners Ricky and Melissa Brown of North West Street.

Smallest dog - Peaches; owner Kimberly Carter of Coronet Circle.

Best behaved dog - Perkey; owner Peter Sutton of Harvey Johnson Drive.

Funniest dog - Shaina; owner Lori Spiro of Barbara Lane

Best trick dog - Wollie; owner Connie Landon of Spencer Street.

Best looking dog - Spunky; owner Tammy Labun of Randall Street.

Any dog who won a blue ribbon in a previous category was eligible to compete in the Best of Show category. The winner was Perkey, owned by Peter Sutton of Harvey Johnson Drive.



Elaine Gurki, Kate La Dunowich and Nick La Dunowich help fight inflation with an old-fashion lemonade stand with old-fashion prices. Customer, Julie Frasco, rear, tries a refreshing lemonade before continuing her bike ride. photo by GAL

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John F. Kennedy, Senior Vice-President of Park West Bank and Trust has retired after more than 43 years in banking.

Mr. Kennedy joined the staff of the Park National Bank of Holyoke in 1936 and was promoted to Assistant Cashier in 1952. In 1970 he became President and in this capacity had the distinction of being the first president not a member of the founding

family, since the merger of the Park National Bank and the Western Bank and Trust Company, Mr. Kennedy has served as Senior Vice-President and as a member of the Board of Directors.

In 1979, Mr. Kennedy received "The Mr. Hibernian Award", an award presented to an outstanding citizen and christian of Irish decent. His involvement in community

affairs include: past treasurer of the United Fund, Inc., past treasurer of the St. Patrick's Parade Committee, past treasurer and director of the Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce, treasurer of Holyoke Scholarship Fund, Inc., past president of the Connecticut Valley Chapter of the Robert Morris Associates, past president of the Holyoke Credit Bureau, Inc., and past president of the National Association of Credit Management, Western Massachusetts Division, Inc.

He is also former treasurer and trustee of the Holyoke Lodge of Elks, past treasurer of the Area Mental Health Association, a member of the Board of Directors of the Providence Hospital, treasurer of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, a member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Men's Club of Holy Cross Church.

Mr. Kennedy graduated from local schools, the American Institute of Banking and the Stonier School of Banking at Rutgers University.

Mr. Kennedy will continue to serve on the Board of Directors at WESTBANK.

Zern Named Outstanding Young Man

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America Awards Program announced today that Theodore Regis Zern, 113 Parkedge Drive, Feeding Hills, has been selected for inclusion in the 1979 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America."

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Zern, along with fellow Outstanding Young Men throughout North America will be featured in this prestigious annual awards publication.

Delisle Appointed District Sales Engineer



Ernest H. Delisle

Gettys Manufacturing Company, Inc., Racine, manufacturers of electronic controls and DC servo drive motors for machine tools, announces the appointment of Ernest H. Delisle as District Sales Engineer.

Mr. Delisle completed a four-year General Electric apprentice course in electro-mechanical design.

Prior to joining Gettys, Mr. Delisle was employed by Dual-Lite (Wiring Products Division) as a product development manager and product sales manager. Other positions

he had held include the following: Manager of Contractor Sales for Oakes Electric Supply Company, sales representative for General Electric supply, sales engineer for the Kelek Company, and chief electrical designer for Northeast Engineers.

In his new position, Mr. Delisle will assume responsibility for the sale and marketing of Gettys Products in Western Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, and upstate New York.

Mr. Delisle is a resident of Feeding Hills.

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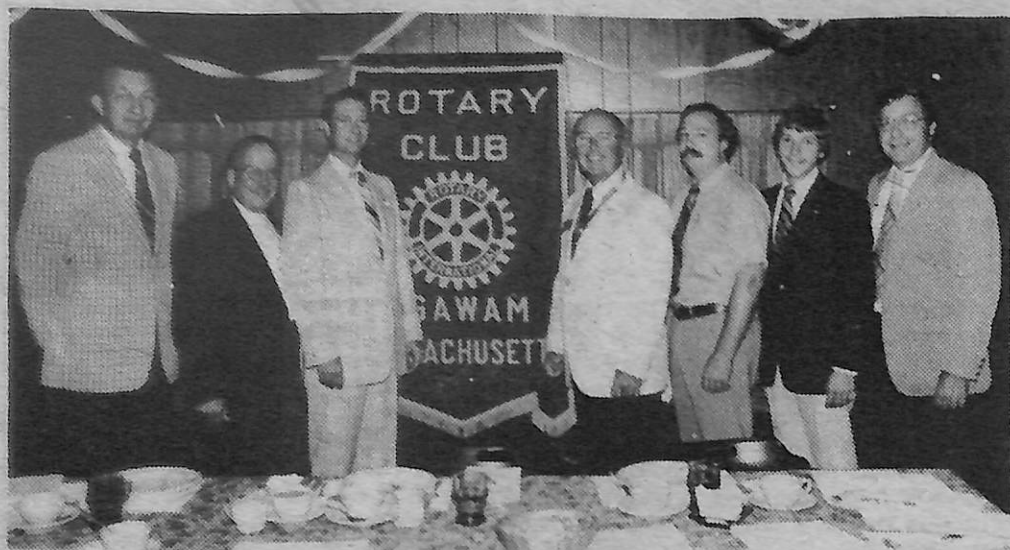
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Agawam Rotary Installs New Officers



The Agawam Rotary installed new officers, L-R Art Leary, Paul Woodburg, Cliff Beldon, Jim Hart, Robb Townsend, Mike Orr, and Roger Proulx. photo by Jack Devine

Reserve Space for Tailgate Sale

Space reservations are still available for the second Tailgate and Crafts Sale sponsored by the Ladies Aid of Granville Federated Church. The sale will be held September 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Village

School grounds on Rt. 57 in Granville. Space rental is only \$10.00 for a 15'x15' area. Refreshments and homebaked goods will be available. The rain date is Sept. 15th. It is only a short drive to the

refreshing atmosphere of this rural apple-growing community. Load your car up and plan to come! For more information call Dorothy Ledger at 357-6644 or Helen Bettinger at 357-6698.

Ham and Bean Supper Slated

The Ladies Aid of the Granville Federated Church will sponsor a Ham and Bean Supper on August 4, 1979. Sittings will be at 5:00 and 6:30. The menu includes baked beans, baked ham, potato salad, cabbage salad, rolls, choice of assorted homemade desserts, and coffee, tea, or milk. Tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children from 6 to 12; children under 6 are free. Reservations may be made by calling Mae Dickinson at 357-8568.

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recommendations for future building committees to follow.

Although Caputo followed the review board's recommendation to increase the membership of the committee charged with the high school project, he failed to follow the suggestion that stated, "no elected officials be appointed to future building committees." Mrs. Doering, currently an elected official, is, according to the Manager, "a public servant of very high caliber who will add to the committee's effectiveness."

Arthur Leary, a spokesman for the ABA, criticized Caputo for not following the review board's recommendation concerning elected officials serving on building committees. Leary also was critical of Caputo for "procrastinating" in the appointment of additional members.

"It was an arbitrary move in appointing an elected official. Why set up a board of review if you are not going to follow its recommenda-

tions? And I also question the Manager's motives in waiting so long to appoint more members. He received those recommendations in March and now he comes forward."

According to Leary, the ABA committee has not become involved in the expansion and renovation of the high school, a project that Leary and colleagues Joseph Napolitan and the late Jerry Zerra em-

phatically opposed. Napolitan, who also serves as a School Committee member, voiced similar opposition when the School Committee approved by a 4-3 margin to commence with the \$4 million project.

"I really do not see what we could do now about the high school. We made our feelings known on the library," Leary said.

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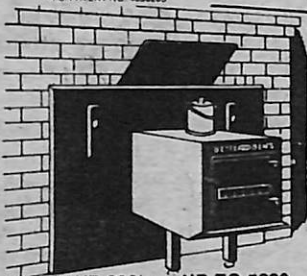
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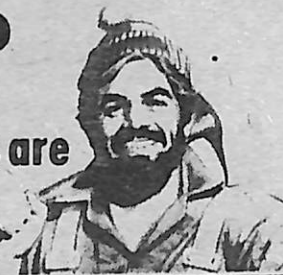
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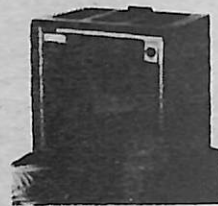
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

On July 13th, the senior citizens of Agawam went on a tour to Northfield. Our director, Margaret Taeger, packed box lunches for all of us (what a lunch!) The Peter Pan bus, driven by one of their as usual courteous and patient drivers, drove us to Northfield.

We found the picnic grounds practically deserted so had no trouble securing four tables for ourselves. After lunch, the boat, a duplicate of the *African Queen*, took us for a ride up the Connecticut River, and the captain and first mate told us the history of the river.

All these years I have lived by this river and have just taken it for granted. Just another river. Now I know it is not just another river. It's one of the oldest and most beautiful in the country.

The ride was very peaceful and relaxing. Any nervous person would not have any nerves while riding on this boat. Just sit back and enjoy what Mother Nature can give you if you will just let it.

After the ride, we were taken into the mountain to see how they make power and electricity from our wonderful river. I don't know anything about power or machinery, but I stood in awe realizing it

was our own men and women with their imagination, creativity, and ability who created such a project.

On the way home, our driver asked if we would like to return by a different route, so with unanimous consent, he drove us back through all the little country towns. We saw houses and farms that have been there for hundreds of years, and once in a while, we had a glimpse of the Connecticut River flowing back home with us.

We arrived back home to the Senior Center tired, but I bet every one of us thought how seldom we remember our heritage and the beauty of our surroundings. If we could take our little children to these different places and let them learn the history and see the beauty of our country, maybe, as they grow, they will continue to look around and feel the pride and the beauty of what they have inherited.

As we came back over the North End Bridge, I looked at the river below us with a great deal of respect and from now on will be proud to live beside it.

Thank you, Margaret, for the trip and thank you, Marjorie, for keeping us all in order on the bus. Glad I'm An Agawam Senior Citizen

mittee's membership in accordance with the recommendation forwarded by the Library Review Board and to maintain more stability in the process of erecting the high school in order to avoid a similar situation as occurred during the construction of the new Cooper Street library.

Caputo, along with many of us, recalls the turbulence of that facility's construction ever so well.

According to the special *ad hoc* committee of the Agawam Businessmen's Association, the Library Building Committee, comprised of Councilor Paul Fieldstad, School Committee Chairman Richard Borgatti, and George Bickford, took highly questionable steps during the construction process. The controversy continued month after month.

Through the mish-mash of charges and counter-charges, Caputo named a five-member panel to review the procedures taken by the building committee. The review panel was also instructed by Caputo to field questions from the ABA committee and to seek the answers to those questions from the building committee.

In March, the review panel, placed in a difficult position, submitted a list of five recommendations for future building committees to follow. These recommendations followed a number of sessions amongst the ABA committee, the building committee and the review board. The situation between the building committee and the ABA committee was never resolved, according to various members of each committee.

Mrs. Doering and Mr. Locke are well known for their professionalism and low-key political approach when serving the community. Caputo intends to ensure that another such situation does not mar the \$4 million renovation project. His appointments reflect that sentiment.

Said Locke of his appointment, "It's very pleasing to be on such an important committee that is charged with such an important task. Hopefully, I can contribute to the project. At this point, I am really not sure what has been bought or what the planning has been, but the landscaping operation on the school grounds is a clear indication that the process has begun."

Locke said that the actual dialogue and planning stages for the project began during his tenure on the school board. According to the ex-school board chairman, the change to the town's present form of government, along with a number of other matters, stalled the renovation process "a number of years."

"We knew that the high school was coming up for accreditation way back then, but because of a number of things that occurred, it just got off the ground this year," Locke said. "And," he continued, "I think the fact that Mrs. Doering and I were appointed at this date will not hinder our involvement in the process. There are still many decisions to be made."

While Caputo's appointment of Mrs. Doering did not concur with the review board's recommendation that no elected officials should sit on future building committees, it seems to this writer that her talents supersede the review board's proposal.

Members of the current building committee have previously opposed the suggestion that more than three members serve on that body. Apparently the committee believes that expanding its membership will prove counterproductive to the construction process.

Arthur Leary, a spokesman for the ABA's *ad hoc* committee, has criticized Caputo for appointing additional members at such a late date. Leary's point is well-taken. Caputo did procrastinate much too long.

Considering the caliber of his appointments, Caputo has given the building committee valuable tools to complete their tasks.

Other critics of Caputo's appointments claim that because Mr. Locke supported the renovation project during his tenure on the school board and the fact that Mrs. Doering was one of the four members of the present school board supporting the project, Caputo's selections were political in nature. Maybe so, maybe not.

But why should Caputo appoint people to a building committee who are opposed to the nature of the committee's assignment? Why create further problems on a committee already plagued with a controversial track record?

From The Editors Desk

By Pat Guevin



The Agawam School Committee is to be commended for their decision to require that the next Superintendent of School live in Agawam. A residency requirement for a position that pays in excess of \$37,000 - of taxpayers money - makes sense for a lot of reasons.

I would question the sincerity of any candidate who would balk at such a requirement. If the Town of Agawam is good enough to work in, and good enough to pay your salary, then it should also be good enough for you to live in - shouldn't it?

Most of the six candidates presently live far enough away to make commuting most difficult, and I don't understand the reasoning of the two dissenting members of the Committee, Tom Ennis and Joseph Napolitan.

The Superintendent of Schools is responsible in great part for the education of our children. He must know the community and the people in it. He must be a part of the whole picture if he is going to assume the responsibility for half of it. After all, the school budget does require the use of nearly one-half of our tax money.

A statement made by School Committeeman Joseph Napolitan that the next superintendent would be better off not living in the community so that "he could go shopping and other places without meeting people who may want to take up his personal time talking about school matters," makes about as much sense as saying that the Police Chief or the Town Manager or the Fire Chief should not live in town - after all, they too could meet up with people wanting to take up their "personal time". In my opinion, people in public office must expect such interruptions, and although I can sympathize with their need for a private life, being in the public eye does have its price.

The Superintendent of Schools in Agawam is the highest paid official in town, if I'm not mistaken. He makes more money than the Police Chief, the Fire Chief or the Town Manager. If he can't contribute economically to the community who pays his salary, then he doesn't deserve the job or the support of the taxpayers in Agawam.

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Observation:

Doering, Locke: Fine Choices For Building Slots

Appointments to municipal boards have proven a thorn in the side of Town Manager Peter Caputo since his arrival to the community 18 months ago.

Not only has the appointment process of Caputo's come under scrutiny from various members of the Town Council, but also the subsequent decision to place a particular resident on a board owning a vacated slot.

Last week, the Manager issued his stamp of approval on the nominations of Roberta Doering and Frank R. Locke to fill positions on the high school building committee. And Caputo could not have selected two finer or more highly respected members of the community to join such an important municipal body.

Both Mrs. Doering and Mr. Locke possess enormous understanding of the municipal structure, especially the bureaucratic machinery that runs the town government.

Mrs. Doering, who is currently sitting on the School Committee and has been doing so for 14 consecutive years, brings her many years of public service expertise to the building committee. A former town meeting member, she represents Agawam on the state board of the Massachusetts Education Society. She is also program director at the Pine Knowles Swim School and, in unprecedented fashion, was elected the first woman president of the Springfield YMCA.

Likewise, Mr. Locke's credentials are impressive. A member of the school board from 1970-75, Locke was involved in the construction process of the Junior High School. During that time, he was chairman of the School Committee, serving that building committee in an ex-officio capacity. More recently, Locke served as chairman of the Enrollment Facilities Study Commission for the school system.

Judging from Caputo's appointments of Mrs. Doering and Mr. Locke, he is attempting to accomplish two things: to increase the building com-

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Max-Ed *continued from page 1***Pointed To Merits**

Instead, Charest pointed to the merits of Max-Ed and told board members that the students should be viewed in a positive manner. Acknowledging that Max-Ed has experienced some difficulties, Charest cited a combination of ailments plaguing the program, and not just the students.

According to Charest, the monitoring and communication process is the most noteworthy problem that Max-Ed has experienced since its introduction in early 1973. Charest, the third director of the program, has a full complement of classroom chores, as did her predecessors. She can give only part-time attention to coordinating some 400 pupils. She receives \$400 compensation for her efforts, which is barely comparable to that of a freshman coach.

To compensate for the lack of fulltime coordination, the administration utilizes voluntary participation from the faculty. Like any project that is guided by a corps of volunteers, the opportunity remains wide open for a half-hearted effort. Charest said that 32 faculty members served as Max-Ed counselors in 78-79. She disclosed that only seven performed the task in accordance with administrative expectations. Charest noted that her colleagues, like herself, have a full load of classroom preparation that consumes much of their labors. Former Max-Ed Director William Quinn, a social studies teacher at the high school, said that another reason for faculty neglect of Max-Ed "is because many of the faculty have lost faith in the program."

More Time Into Coordination

Remarked Quinn, "It would be very difficult for Mary Charest to devote more time to Max-Ed than she already has. Unless more time can be placed into coordination, there is no way people can expect it to work under the current circumstances."

Former School Committee Chairman Frank Locke agreed. Locke, a supporter of Max-Ed, told the *Advertiser/News*, "A program like that needs a fulltime administrator. The program is supposed to center on finding outside activities for seniors. How can that be accomplished on a part-time basis?"

Initial enthusiasm about Max-Ed, according to Quinn and Locke, has steadily eroded in seven years. Quinn said faculty critics of the program feel its deficiencies exceed its benefits.

Those benefits, as spelled out in Max-Ed objectives, include: providing seniors with an opportunity to coordinate their spare time in a constructive manner; to make seniors more responsive to civic responsibility through volunteer programs; to encourage extra-curricular activities within the school; to encourage seniors to work harder academically to remain eligible for participation; and to open communication lines between students and faculty.

Agawam Program Remains Liberal

When the State Board of Education and the Massachusetts Secondary School Association of Principals approved Max-Ed as a viable program for pupils entering their senior year of high school, a good number of Massachusetts schools expressed enthusiasm and interest in the program. According to a state official, each school would formulate a program that would best suit its own needs. Agawam's program, as currently pointed out by Mrs. Fuller, remains very liberal.

One explanation for Max-Ed's liberal tendencies is the lack of full-time coordination - the students need more monitoring to increase accountability.

A second reason is the regulations that govern the program's implementation - all seniors are eligible as long as they receive written parental permission, they maintain a "D" average in their studies; they remain citizens in good standing and participate in some form of extra-curricular activity (band, a sport, a club, or outside employment). There are no requirements for a student to remain on an acceptable academic or discipline level prior to the senior year.

Modification of the program has been a regular posture of the School Committee at the end of each academic year. Wrote Charest in her Max-Ed report, "As the years went by, it became evident that as the regulations for Max-Ed became more strict, the faculty's comments remained nearly the same as at the inception of the program. Student academic performance also remained stable."

Marked Disagreement

These statements by Charest reflect marked disagreement with statistics and comments forwarded by Walter Balboni, the School Committee's staunchest opponent of Max-Ed since its inception.

Balboni stated on the School Committee floor and in an open letter to the *Advertiser/News* that the academic performance of each senior class since 1973 has displayed a gradual decline. Balboni also cited annual faculty evaluations of Max-Ed as a clear indication that the faculty was opposed to Max-Ed. According to Balboni's statistics, a 22% failure rate occurred in 73-74; 18% in 74-75; 21% in 75-76; 25% in 76-77; and 33% in 78-79. The long-time school board member also pointed to faculty recommendations asking for "more academic work and more accountability from the seniors." Teachers also evaluated Max-Ed as being

responsible for attendance problems.

Serves No Academic Purpose

Concluded Balboni, "It would appear that the program lacks accountability from the students, thus being conducive to failure, and it serves no academic purpose. "It's not right to say that the failure rate is because of the Max-Ed program," Charest disagreed. "The failure rate is somewhat attributed to the same kids failing over and over. And at times, good students will fail because they cannot get a subject, not because of Max-Ed. And whoever fails cannot participate in the program until they pass the subject."

Outgoing Superintendent of Schools Ernest Cannava and Theodorowicz claim that Max-Ed is an inducement for seniors to succeed academically and not a hindrance to classroom performance. Cannava said that if he believed that Max-Ed was responsible for poor academic performance, he would have personally taken the initiative to nix the program.

It does appear that Max-Ed has failed in its attempt to create an atmosphere of student volunteerism within the community. Lack of full-time coordination has seen to that. Max-Ed has also failed in the area of increased communication between students and faculty members. Whether Max-Ed has developed responsibility and a sense of maturity in program participants, that remains open to debate. Locke contends that in the area of responsibility, Max-Ed has been an overall success.

Max Ed Can Teach Responsibility

"I think it teaches the students to utilize their time," Locke said. "It's a tragedy when kids come right out of high school and into college without learning how to make best use of their time. With Max-Ed, that can happen."

Judging from statistics provided by Charest, Max-Ed succeeded in getting seniors into part-time employment or into activities offered by the high school. The largest number of seniors earned money outside the building (287). 98 seniors automatically qualified for Max-Ed by having 3 or less study hall periods. 47 participated in varsity sports followed by 21 on the yearbook staff and 20 on the *Mirror* staff.

In an effort to communicate better the Max-Ed guidelines to parents and to students, all 364 students who entered the class of 79 received Max-Ed packets during the previous summer. Charest said that 20 parents did not allow their children to participate in the program at the beginning of the year.

Further statistics from Charest reveal that in the first term, 101 students failed courses; 64 of these failed one course, 37 failed two or more. 46 students were reinstated. In the second term, 109 students failed; 78 of these failed one course, 31 failed two or more. In the third and final term, 120 failed; 69 failed one course and 51 failed two or more. 44 students were reinstated during the third term.

Battle Lines Are Drawn

While the battle lines are drawn over Max-Ed mechanics, the program's critics claim that because seniors view Max-Ed as a fundamental right, instead of an earned privilege, its effectiveness has been substantially reduced. Charest firmly contends that the majority of seniors are not abusing Max-Ed.

However, she did concede that many students enter into the Max-Ed contract with a lax attitude. Efforts by guidance counselors to ensure that each senior is taking a maximum complement of courses and the mandate that states each senior must take part in an extra-curricular activity has reduced the number of free periods each senior possesses, according to Charest. "How lax can they be when most of them are very busy with classes and activities?" she added.

"Many people say that if the kids were in school more often, they would use their free periods to study and thus improve their academics. The study hall is a myth. Very few kids use those periods for constructive purposes." She continued, "I believe that a senior who has a full work load and participates in a number of activities is acting responsibly with the way the program is now set up."

Kids Who Abuse Program

A graduate of the class of 79 frankly related, "Oh, sure, there are kids who abuse Max-Ed, but those are the same clowns who would be acting like jerks with or without the program. Most of the kids don't abuse it. Why, I played a number of varsity sports, held good grades, participated in school organizations and stayed out of trouble. So what if I slept late a morning or two or went out to lunch once in a while. Why should the rest of us suffer because of a few nobody's? And there were a lot of us acting responsibly."

Said Quinn on student attitudes towards the program, "Max-Ed has become more lax on the students' part. It seems that many of the seniors feel that Max-Ed is a right, not a privilege. I see Max-Ed as being a program for achievers, for the high ability student."

The former Max-Ed director feels that because Max-Ed has never reached its potential, the potential to maximize a student's education, the overall value of Max-Ed remains in question. Taking a conservative view of Max-Ed, Quinn advocates a program that allows students to leave the building only for tutoring programs, volunteer work within the community, to take college courses, or "some other meaningful project." Quinn said, "But unless there are people on a regular basis to find these alternatives for the kids, the kids who

have proven through academic achievement and service to the school that they deserve to participate, Max-Ed will never reach what it was intended to be."

Study Hall Overcrowdedness

Quinn commented that one of Max-Ed's most potent, but not necessarily most noteworthy, success is that it has alleviated the overcrowded conditions at the high school. High school administrators acknowledge that the program has allowed study halls and corridors to remain at a heavily-populated, but not intolerable level. In the same breath, school officials refuse to use this situation as a prime motive for their support of Max-Ed.

Mrs. Fuller said that with the \$4 million expansion and renovation of the high school, overcrowded conditions will no longer play a valid part in the Max-Ed support. She stated, "I just want to see the kids back in the school. We just might find that a lot of problems that go on up there just may subside."

After sifting through the arguments presented by opponents and proponents of Max-Ed, the bottom line for the present controversy is the linkage between the program and the discipline problems at the high school. Max-Ed advocates claim that a minority is causing the "overblown" problems and that Max-Ed is working. Opponents believe there exists a direct and clear cut relationship between the apparent lack of discipline and Max-Ed.

Never A Survival Test

The modification process of Max-Ed since its inception is indicative of the mechanical problems it has experienced. Academics, poor attendance, accountability, and the program's objectives have always been debated. But the program never faced a survival test.

Following Charest's presentation on June 28, the School Committee was at a stalemate. Richard Borgatti, Veneta Snyder, and Roberta Doering supported the program. Fuller, Balboni, and Joseph Napolitan dissented. Thomas Ennis, the deciding vote, was absent.

With Ennis present on July 12, it seemed inevitable that a decision would be reached on Max-Ed. Once the dialogue began, the political bitterness about the program surfaced. After a lengthy and action-packed debate, Balboni issued a motion "not to accept Max-Ed as a program for the high school in the coming academic year." Ennis, a past supporter of Max-Ed, said that unless further modification of its rules and regulations came forth, he would not vote for its continuation. Max-Ed appeared dead.

Napolitan Became Enraged

Just before the vote on Balboni's resolution, Napolitan, enraged over the length of the debate, stormed out of the committee's chambers. He charged the Max-Ed proponents with filibustering. With Napolitan gone, the impasse continued. Balboni, Ennis, and Fuller voted to nix the program. Doering, Snyder, and Borgatti balloted in favor of keeping Max-Ed.

An anonymous caller to the *Advertiser/News* correctly pointed out, a tie vote defeats a motion. Such was the fate of Balboni's move. If Napolitan had remained, the program's doom would have been sealed.

The order then was issued to Assistant Superintendent of Schools James Bruno to formulate proposals that would further modify Max-Ed for 79-80. Bruno has until the first meeting in August to follow the Committee's decree.

Next week - Part III: "Is Max-Ed responsible for the alleged rise in discipline at the high school? What are the solutions to the Max-Ed dilemma?"

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After winning two scrimmage games - one to Enfield 3-2 and one to Ludlow 5-3 - the Agawam Little League All Stars, Senior Division, went down to defeat 11-0 against the Easthampton All Stars.

The starting line-up for Agawam was Mark Goodwin, catcher; Ron Morgan, pitcher; Mike Quill, first base; Jerry Graziano, second base; Anthony Venturini, shortstop; George Groom, third base; Craig Castonguay, right field; Paul Tatro, center field; and Ed Krafft, left field. Subs were Bob Desimone, Frank Armstrong, and Mark Noak.

For five innings, Agawam was still alive, only two runs behind. Dushane, Easthampton's catcher, and Pitoniak, their shortstop, were extremely hot at bat with one double, two singles, and one double, three singles respectively and a total of 5 RBI's.

Ed Krafft had a good night at bat for Agawam with three singles. Also connecting for a hit were George Groom, Tony Venturini, Ron Morgan, and Mark Goodwin.

The Agawam Little League would like to thank Mr. Jerry Quill and Mr. Knute Blanchard for their time and effort in coaching this team.

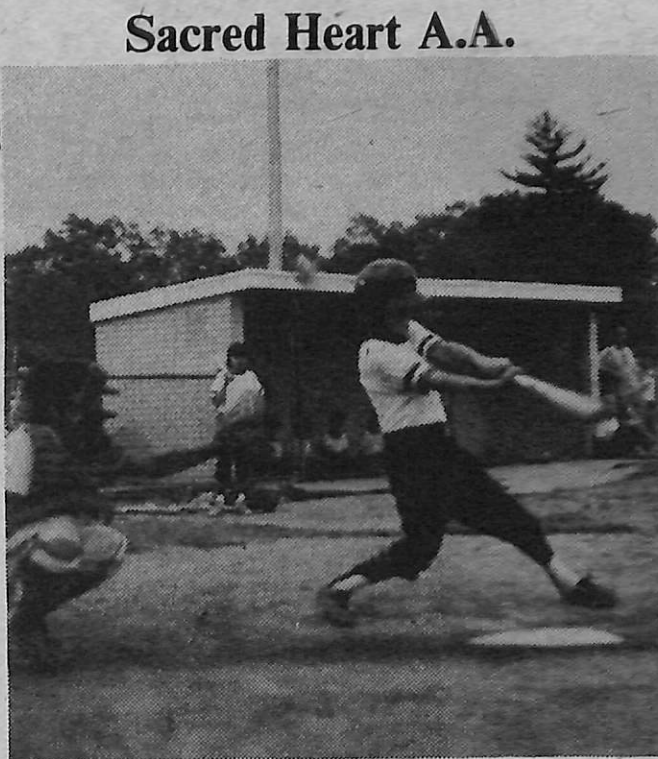
Suburban Baseball League All Star Game Held

The Suburban Baseball League, 14-16, held their All Star Game in Holyoke last Thursday, July 19th. They played in front of the Holyoke Millers-Bristol Red Sox game at Mackensie Field.

There are two teams in the Suburban League, and the two boys who were

named most valuable players on their respective squads were Co-Captain Tim Desmond, shortstop of the Sacred Heart team, and pitcher/catcher Buddy Breton of Sarat Ford.

The town of Agawam is proud of both boys for receiving the MVP awards.



Jeff Nardi, Sacred Heart Red Sox's swings for the fence.



Andy Felix, a Sacred Heart hopeful, all set for his first homerun. photo by GAL

Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba



The 15-month suit against the federal aid program to the states for conducting wildlife conservation projects has been voluntarily dropped for at least a year by two animal welfare groups, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Lynn A. Greenwalt announced recently. The lawsuit had charged that administration of the 1937 Pitt-Robertson program was not in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

In addition to suspending their challenge to the national program, the Committee for Humane Legislation and Friends of Animals also agreed not to challenge this year's funding of state projects, most of which began on July 1. In return, the Interior Agency agreed to summarize the 182 state projects that were challenged in notices placed in local newspapers and in the federal register.

Each notice will include a brief summary of the project in that area, announce that an environmental assessment is available and that the project has been found to have "no significant impact on the human environment." The cost of placing the ads will be about \$100,000. What a waste of sportsmen's money!

District Court Judge Charles R. Richey approved the settlement agreement on June 26, 1979, and dismissed the lawsuit that began in March, 1978. At the time the suit was filed, the service was completing an environmental impact statement on the national program, but the plaintiffs then challenged the 614 ongoing state projects, claiming that each was a major federal action that required EIS. The number was later reduced to 182, and environmental assessments were provided to the plaintiffs.

Since 1938, more than \$882 million has been distributed to wildlife conservation agencies in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. The funds are derived from federal

excise taxes on sporting firearms, ammunition, handguns, and archery equipment. In 1979, \$82.2 million was distributed to these agencies.

Beginning this year, original or replica flintlocks and caplocks of the type used before 1865 will be the only weapons permitted during the Massachusetts special three-day "primitive firearms" deer season.

Permissible powder is limited to black powder, Pyrodex or other synthetic substitutes as approved by the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association and projectiles are limited to a single, round lead ball.

In addition to firming up regulations on allowable weapons and accessories, the board adopted new wording to clarify definitions of a muzzleloading weapon and an unloaded weapon.

In 1978, Mass. hunters spent \$941,657.60 for hunting licenses tags, stamps and permits to the tune of 166,349. Non-residents bought 1,962 licenses.

208,071 fishing licenses were sold in 1978, and of that total, 4,900 were non-residents. The total amount of money taken in for the fishing licenses was \$1,462,231.05 million.

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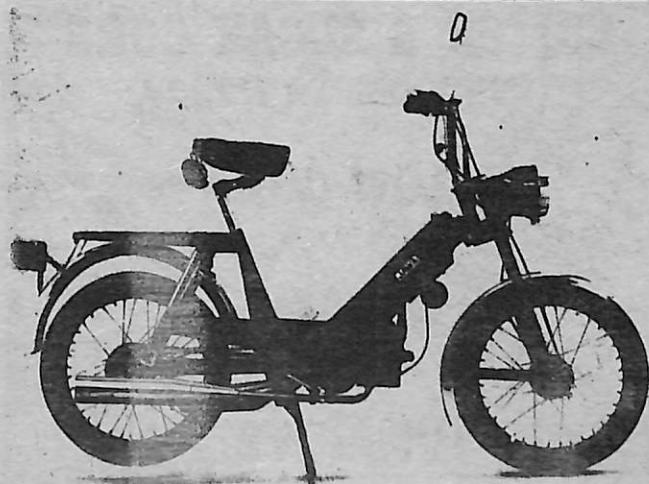
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First baseman Chris Gagnon, Caputo's team, scoops the ball for an out. photo by GAL



Catcher, Mike Ruggeri of Hampden Fence. photo by GAL

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Welcome to My World

by Charles Duclos

Camp Rainbow

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Under the control of Agawam's Parks and Recreation Department and operating at Robinson Park Elementary School, the eight-weeks program is directed by Dr. Neil Wilensky, who has incorporated an integrated schedule which includes such meaningful, diverse activities as physical education, field trips, swimming, arts and crafts, and music.

The 35 enrollees are served by 25 fulltime, part-time, and volunteers, who are dedicated to making life a little more meaningful for the program's young people. It is an opportunity for each member to develop his/her potential as an individual, as well as being able to act, re-act, and interact within group activities, thereby making positive progress for a role in a meaningful society.

A pot of gold may not be at the end of this Rainbow, but a little ray of sunshine breaks forth as each little step of progress is made along the way.

This is one of those kinds of activities that the monies spent are darn well worth it.

It's been another busy week at Camp Rainbow, Agawam's camp for children with special needs located at Robinson Park School.

In arts and crafts, the kids have been exploring their artistic talents. The younger children have been finger painting and using water color paints. They have also made houses, fences, and walls out of popsicle sticks. Some have been working on mosaic tile coasters and trivets. They have also made pictures out of foil, as well as comb and key cases out of leather.

The swimming instructors have organized a program to meet the needs of each individual child. The younger children have many anxieties related to the water, and the main objective thus far has been to overcome these fears and mainstream the campers into a modified Red Cross swim program.

All the kids have shown improvement since the beginning of the program and should continue to improve. A merit system has been established and the instructors will continue to teach swimming according to each child's progress.

In the music department, the students have been working on finger plays, such as *Thumbkins* and *Open, Shut Them*. They've been singing a variety of songs, as well as

listening to different musical stories. Not only are they singing, but they are tapping out rhythms with records.

The older kids are experimenting with recorders and percussion instruments donated by the Agawam chapter of UNICO. They seem to be catching on quickly and enjoy that very much. The older campers are also trying their skill at disco-dancing, and that's been successful, too.

In the area of physical education, everybody has been involved in numerous activities. Gymnastics seems to go over well with all the campers. The younger children have been doing ball and hoop games, while the older ones have been enjoying group activities such as croquet, wiffle ball, dodge ball and jogging.

On Friday, July 20th, the campers and staff travelled to Mystic, Connecticut, to visit the Mystic Marineland Aquarium. After a brief orientation, they took a self-guided tour of the grounds and building.

The exhibit emphasized sea life in the temperate and tropical waters of North America, and there was also a dolphin, whale, and sea lion demonstration and show. The great variety of marine life and the interesting display areas made the trip well worth the long ride home.

Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



Your houseplants are more than likely enjoying the summer warmth and humidity. They will need some special attention because of this.

Their root systems are confined, so check and water more often. Look for pests and fungus and keep them clean. You can prune them now for a more pleasing shape. They will respond with lush new growth. A light feeding is a must for most all houseplants now.

Every summer, people become aware of the green world around them. We often see or obtain a plant that is of special interest to us. The interest could lie in the fact that your children are playing with it; it's growing up the side of your house pulling your siding off; the dog just ate it or it may just have a pretty flower. Anyway, you need information about this plant.

The Agawam Garden Club has many members who are familiar with almost all local vegetation, and a phone call could solve the mystery. The Hampden County Extension, 1499 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, is always available to assist

in the identification of a plant.

A specimen of the plant can be mailed to the Herbarium, U.S. National Arboretum, Washington, D.C. for identification also. Whenever possible, a specimen of plant material should include flower, fruit, as well as foliage. Label the specimen giving size of the plant, growth habit (tree, shrub, vine, etc.) the date and place the plant was found, and the cultural conditions.

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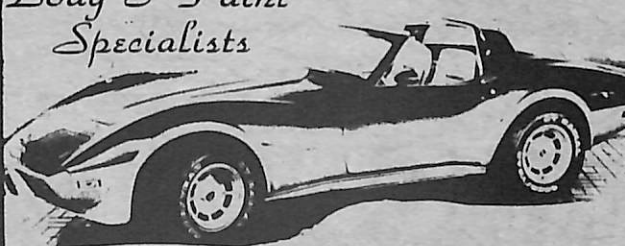
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"There is a possibility of a shortage of both fuelwood and heating oil this winter," said Bill Obea, forest products marketing and utilization specialist at the Berkshire-Franklin Resource Conservation and Development area office.

"It is my understanding that the state energy offices in several New England states are getting very nervous about possible fuel oil shortages this winter," said Obea, "which prompts me to advise all households which use wood to lay in their wood supply as early as possible this year."

Buz Laughlin of the Mass. Office of Energy Resources concurred. "Our figures show that fuel may be in short supply. Wood is a good backup or primary fuel."

Many fuelwood dealers are already busy making deliveries and have not had to advertise since the wood demand this summer has been unusually high. Obea said that it's important to buy fuelwood as soon as possible

in order to save money and be guaranteed of a seasoned, well-stocked supply. Also, cordwood producers will have extra time to cut more wood this fall instead of only making deliveries.

In addition to wood heat, better insulation and weather stripping, other heat saving options which homeowners should consider include installing low temperature thermostats, sealing off all unused rooms, using electric blankets at night in unheated bedrooms, making improvements to existing heating systems to improve efficiency, and using heavy drapes, window shades or insulating shutters to eliminate heat loss through windows.

"It's important to start thinking now about the winter," said Obea, who feels that the current gasoline crisis is overshadowing the prospect of a chilly winter. "Who knows the way things are going; poplar and sumac might become important emergency fuels this winter."

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Freemasonry: A Way of Life

The fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons is the oldest, largest, and most widely known fraternal organization in the world. Literally thousands of books have been published about Freemasonry, but its organization and philosophy are still misunderstood by many.

In a broad sense, the history of Freemasonry may be divided into three periods: namely, the ancient or legendary, the medieval or operative, and the modern or speculative.

The ancient or legendary period has been traced by historians to the tenth century B.C. when masons, or stone workers, were employed in the building of King Solomon's Temple. During the medieval or operative period, guilds or associations of artisans were formed as operative masons. Their work was largely confined to the building of cathedrals. As artificers in stone, these masons travelled through Europe making use of their skills and secrets of the guilds.

The modern or speculative period occurred during the 17th century. It was then that ecclesiastical building declined. This caused many guilds of stonemasons, then known as "operative masons," to accept as members those who were not a part of the mason's craft. These members were called "speculative" and acquired the designation of "accepted masons." As a result of this significant development, Freemasonry, as it is known today, had its historic beginning.

In 1717, four lodges of Freemasons meeting in London, England, formed the first Grand Lodge in the world. This Grand Lodge chartered Masonic Lodges and Provincial Grand Lodges in many countries including the United States.

Regular and duly-constituted Freemasonry in North America was born in Massachusetts in 1733. In was on July 30 of that year in Boston that Henry Price organized the Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at the famous Bunch of Grapes Tavern. This followed the issuance of a deputation in April, 1733, by the Mother Grand Lodge of England appointing Henry Price the "Provincial Grand Master of New England and Dominions and Territories thereunto belonging."

The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts is the administrative authority for the 333 Masonic Lodges within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as well as 16 lodges located in the Canal Zone, Chile, China, Japan, and Caribbean Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, with a total membership of approximately 12,000.

Freemasonry is a Supreme Being, and being a prerequisite for admission. Freemasonry is a way of life for good men who are found to be worthy, regardless of their religious convictions,

and strives to make better men of them by emphasizing a firm belief in the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, and the immortality of the soul.

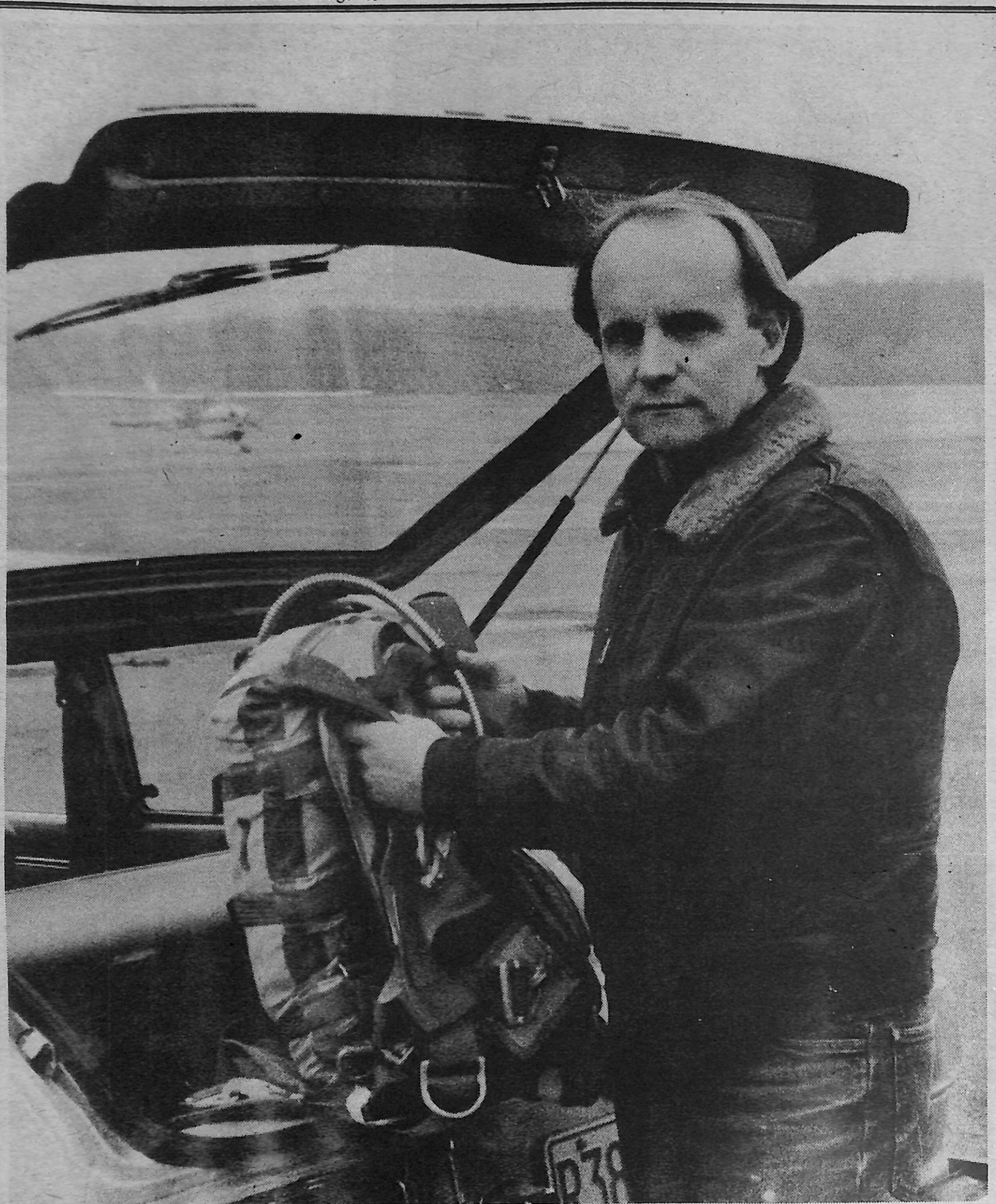
A good Mason is invariably a better church member, and a regular church attendant makes a better Mason. Religious men go to church not to their Masonic lodge to

learn moral truths and how to apply them to their everyday home and business lives.

Freemasonry is charity to all mankind; practice of the Golden Rule, love of

country, serving God with reverence, treating the home and family with tenderness and affection, being humble, helping the weak and lowly, adherence to the cardinal

virtues, and greeting everyone on the same level of human understanding. All these and many other ways constitute Freemasonry as a way to a better life.



Bill Mehr, Manager, Orange Parachuting Center, Orange, Massachusetts

"Let me tell you something. It's a lot safer coming down through the sky than coming down the highway.

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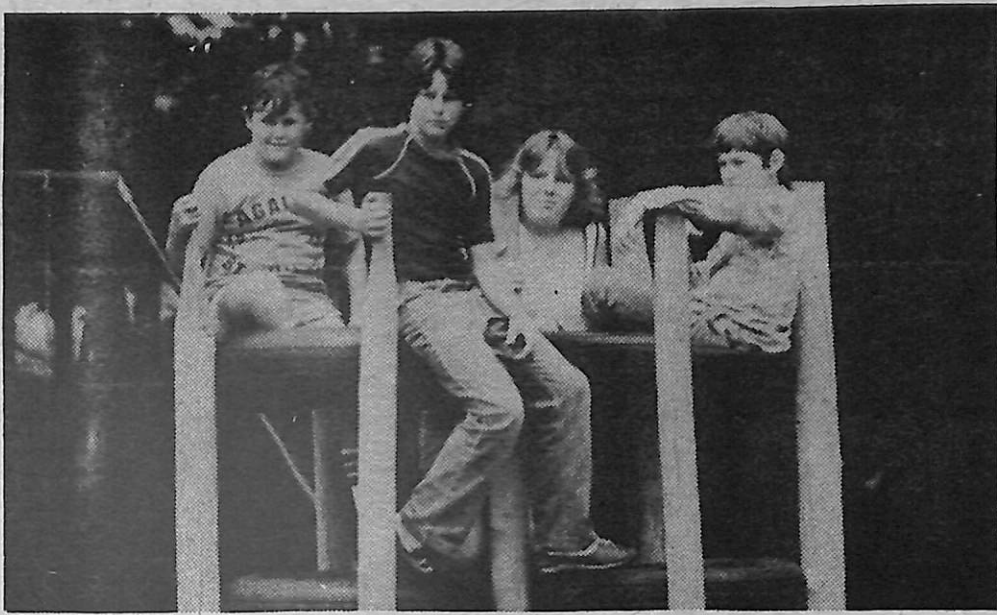
any chances. And our only "high" is altitude.

"But to make our highways as safe as our skies, we all have to depend on each other."

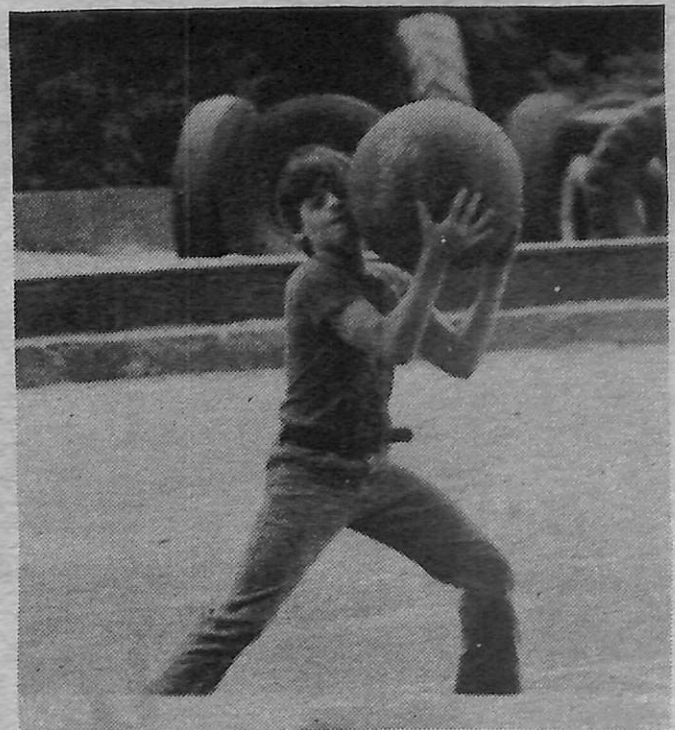
Drive as if my life depended on it.

A message from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau, Edward J. King, Governor.

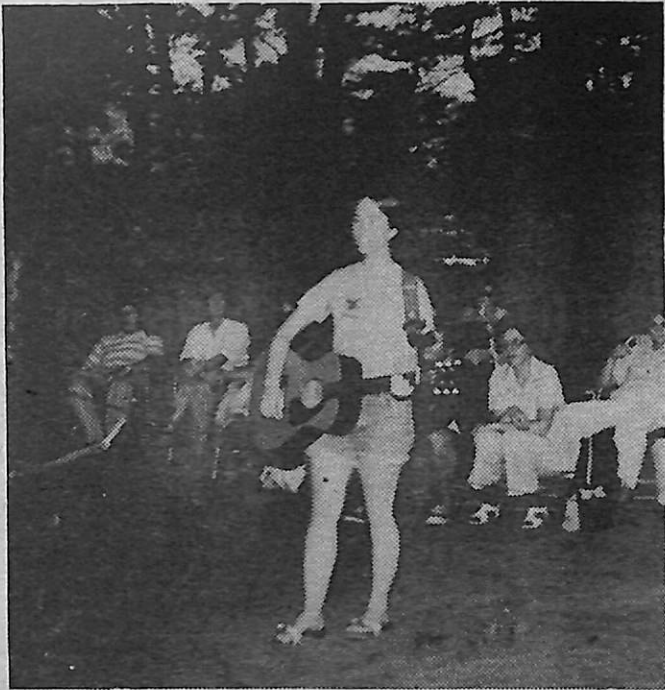
Agawam Y.M.C.A. Outdoor Center



L-R Jeff Guevin, Gregg Battles, Carol Nichols, and Roy Demetrion play on the Y Camp tire gym. photo by Jack Devine



Pete Murawski throws a medicine ball at the Y Day Camp. photo by Jack Devine



Singing at the campfire at the Y Camp overnight. photo by Jack Devine



Water Balloon contest at Y Family Day. photo by Jack Devine



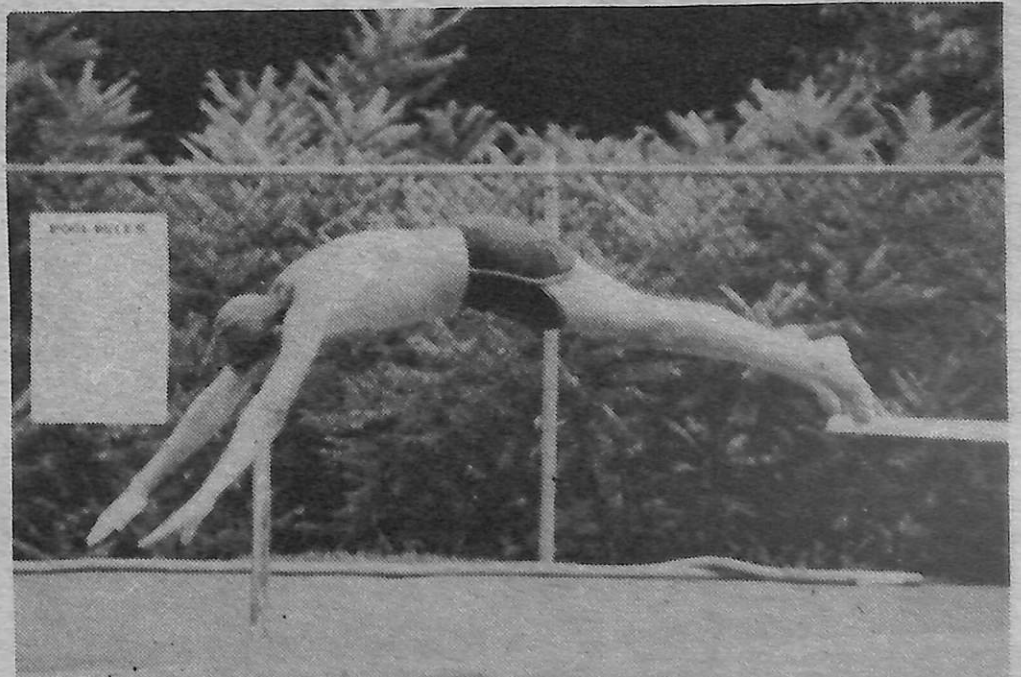
The older boys, (10-12), played Arabian "Knights" for their skit presented at recent 'overnight' at the Y Camp. photo by Jack Devine



Tommy Lapow and Mary Jane Landry build sand castles at Y day Camp. photo by Jack Devine



Beverly Johnson gives Jared Johnson a hand with his swimming. photo by Jack Devine



Bill Malachowski practices his diving form at the Y pool. photo by Jack Devine

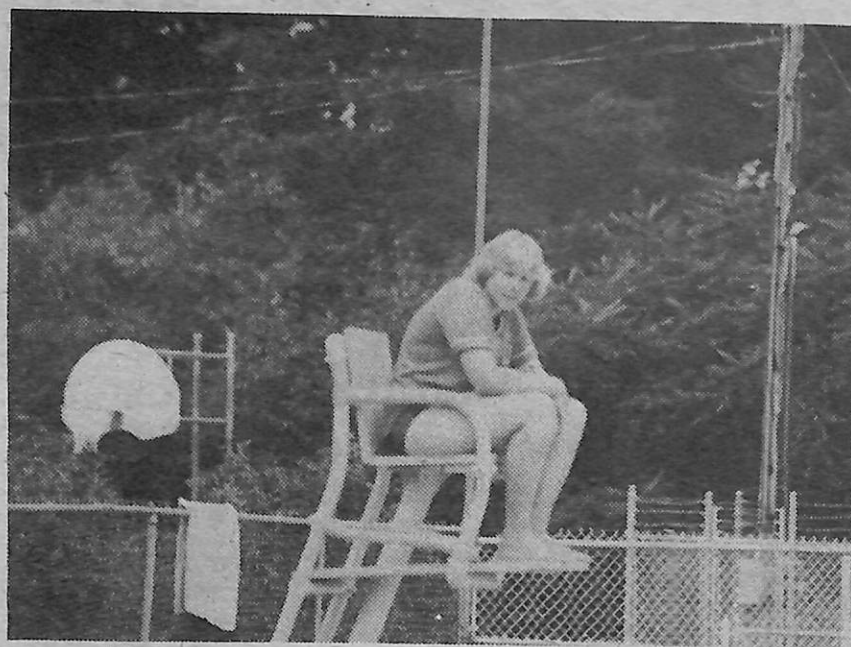
Family Fun

and

Camping



A favorite among the adults at the Y Family Fun Day was 'pass the Lifesaver'. photo by Jack Devine



Linda Catchepaugh, lifeguard at Y pool. photo by Jack Devine



Gina Yacovonne attempts to catch an oversize ball. photo by Jack Devine



Parents and Children enjoy the fun-filled activities at Y Family Fun Day. photo by Jack Devine



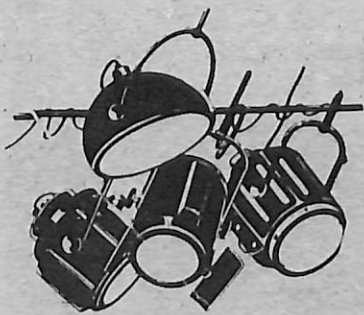
Senior YMCA archery counselor Pat Smith. photo by Jack Devine



Fun at YMCA Family Day. photo by Jack Devine



L-R Matt Jedynek, Jerry Allen, and Mike Jemiols on the tire gym. photo by Jack Devine



Spotlight on Business

St. John's School of Business

St. John's School of Business is a private, non-sectarian institution located in the former-YMCA building at 3 Upper Church Street, West Springfield. It is operated by Kenneth Ballard and Dr. Marjorie Costello, who are teaching colleagues who formerly worked at West-Springfield High School.

The school opened to students in January, 1978, and is duly licensed by the Department of Education of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It offers a variety of business programs such as junior and senior stenography, medical secretary, legal secretary, accounting clerk, receptionist, data processing, and many others. The courses run from 8-weeks for some such as keypunch to 32 weeks for others such as medical or legal secretary.

The classes are based on individualized instruction and the courses are short

and intensive, aimed directly at the job market. The school offers placement service upon completion of one of its courses.

St. John's School of Business also offers refresher courses such as personal typing, and these entail fees charged by the hour. All courses offered by the school may be taken on an individual basis. Courses may also be taken in an evening division, which includes an introduction to computer programming.

A considerable amount of business equipment is used to train students. Among the machines available are two IBM card-punching machines, and IBM dual-position data processing machine, electric typewriters with visual screens, and a micro computer.

The school is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and most day classes run between 8 and 2:15.

Pettit Pools

Pettit Pools of Agawam, located at 1792 Main Street, would like to announce that they are now selling and installing the fiberglass pools manufactured by the Connecticut Fiberglass Company, also located at the same address.

Connecticut Fiberglass has supplied Pettit Pools stores across the country,

but has not, until now, had its own retail outlet in Agawam.

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